Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original)

A method for placing reinforcing strips for supporting a reinforced earth wall, in which front ends (F) of the reinforcing strips 10 are inserted into reinforcing strip insertion grooves 22 of blocks 20 forming the surface of the reinforced earth wall under the condition that the front ends (F) of the reinforcing strips 10 are folded into halves in the lengthwise direction to have a half width.

Claim 2 (Original)

The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the reinforcing strips 10 are arranged on a reinforced earth 50 in a zigzag shape, and the front end (F) of the reinforcing strips are sequentially and continuously inserted into the reinforcing strip insertion grooves 22 of the neighboring blocks 20.

Claim 3 (Original)

The method as set forth in claim 2, wherein rear ends (R) of the reinforcing strips 10 are folded in the widthwise direction,

and the folded rear ends of the reinforcing strips are fixed to the reinforced earth 50 by temporary fixing nails 30 or fixed to resistors 40 by fixing pins 42.

Claim 4 (Original)

The method as set forth in claim 2, wherein the rear ends (R) of the reinforcing strips 10 are erected in the lengthwise direction, and is buried under the reinforcing earth 50 or inserted into resistors 40 by fixing pins 42.

Claim 5 (Original)

The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the front ends (F) of the reinforcing strips 10 are independently connected to the reinforcing strip insertion grooves 22 of the blocks 20, and rear ends (R) of the reinforcing strips are individually buried under a reinforced earth 50.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)

A reinforcing strip, for supporting a reinforced earth wall, comprising a plurality of ~~polyester~~ fabric bundles arranged in parallel and coated with ~~polyethylene~~ resin,

wherein a folding groove 16 is formed in a central portion of the reinforcing strip 10 in the lengthwise direction so that the

central portion of the reinforcing strip has a smaller thickness than other portions of the reinforcing strip.

Claim 7 (Original)

The reinforcing strip as set forth in claim 6, wherein the folding groove 16 is formed in upper and lower surfaces of the reinforcing strip 10.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented)

The reinforcing strip as set forth in claim 6, wherein protrusions 18 for displaying the length of the reinforcing strip are formed on the surface of the reinforcing strip 10 such that the protrusions 18 are separated from each other by a designated interval.